

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Several deficiencies were pointed out by the Examiner. All of the specified deficiencies have been corrected in the amended version of claim 7 presented above. All the corrections are believed to be self-explanatory.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 9-13 were also rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, but based only on their being dependent from claim 7 and due only to the deficiencies in claim 7. With the correction of those deficiencies, claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-13 are believed to be in full compliance with this statutory provision.

Claim 7 has been indicated as being allowable over the prior art. Thus, it is now in condition for allowance.

Dependent claim 1-3, 5, 6, and 9-13 are allowable along with claim 7.

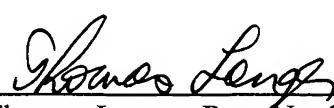
Based on all of the above, prompt and favorable action toward allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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